Duties and responsibilities of motor inspectors.

* 1281 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any orders have been issued by the Government or heads of departments concerned defining the duties and responsibilities of motor inspectors in the various districts;

(*b*) if so, whether copies of the same with their dates will be placed on the Council table; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) The duties and responsibilities of motor inspectors are contained in Government Orders which relate to other matters as well. Inspectors are appointed with the approval of Government by the District Magistrates who exercise control and supervision over them. The Inspectors are stationed at headquarters of the districts but visit important centres at fixed intervals. It is the duty of the Inspector to scrutinize periodically the structural strength, condition and general running order of a motor vehicle plying for hire and issue certificate of fitness in the prescribed form. He has to maintain a register of motor vehicles plying for hire.

Police

Reorganization of the Police armed reserves at Tanjore.

* 1282 Q.—Mr. S. N. DORAI RAJA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. H. S. Shield, I.C.S., the late Collector of Tanjore, recommended in connexion with the reorganization of Police armed reserves and the reduction of the expenditure regarding the guards for the district treasury the establishment of a branch of Imperial Bank of India at Tanjore town for giving relief to the overworked district treasury currency staff; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay the necessary correspondence up-to-date on the Council table?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No. Mr. Shield suggested the establishment of a branch of the Imperial Bank of India at Tanjore; but this was in connexion with a proposal to reduce the strength of the Huzur treasury guard and had nothing to do with overwork by the treasury staff, to which the correspondence does not refer.

Alleged dismissals of constables suspected of disloyalty.

* 1283 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any circular was issued by the Commissioner of Police, Madras, last year, to the effect that any head constable or constable who is disloyal enough to yield to the anonymous incitements to insubordinate conduct which are now being circulated, will be summarily dismissed; and

(*b*) the reasons why such a circular was issued?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The circular was issued in the interests of the discipline of the force.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer given in clause (*a*), may I know whether the Commissioner of Police had any definite information that such attempts or incitements were being made or was it merely a rumour or suspicion ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" He has acted on definite information."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the nature of the information, especially with regard to the sources of these incitements ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Notice, Sir."

Alleged insult to Muslim preachers at Guruvayur by the Police.

* 1284 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Khan Bahadur Ammu Sahib, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Palghat, disallowed Muslim preachers, Moulvi and Hydras to preach on Islam and insulted them at a large public gathering during the last Ekadasi festival at Guruvayur ;

(*b*) whether at the same time and place the representatives of Christianity were permitted to preach their religion ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to hold any enquiry into the matter, and if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information ; they have called for a report from the Inspector-General of Police.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer given to this question, may I ask whether the Government have since received the report ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Total strength and cost of Police.

* 1285 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total strength of the police, the cost of maintaining them, the number of cognizable cases dealt and the number of convictions in the following years :—

(i) 1907,
(ii) 1916,
(iii) 1926, and

(*b*) why more hands were employed when crime has decreased ?